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SUBJ: BRAZILIAN/EEC NEGOTIATIONS ON COUNTERVAILING
DUTIES ON SOYBEANS
REF: BRASILIA 4811

1. MISSION OFFICERS DISCUSSED PRESENT STATE OF EC
COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION ON BRAZILIAN SOYBEANS
ON JUNE 14 WITH EC OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION
AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF FEDIOL (EC OILSEED CRUSHERS
FEDERATION). OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT EC OBJECTIVES ARE
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MORE LIMITED THAN THOSE MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND THAT
EC DOES NOT SEE THE CASE AS EXTENDING BEYOND SOYBEANS
TO OTHER LDC PROCESSED PRODUCTS. ACCORDING TO OUR
SOURCES, EC PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN FROM BRAZILIANS
AN AGREEMENT ON THE PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION OF THE TAX
DIFFERENTIAL CURRENTLY PERTAINING BETWEEN BEANS AND MEAL
(SIMILAR TO THE AGREEMENT ALREADY OBTAINED BY THE U.S.

ON SOYBEAN OIL). THE FEDIOL REPRESENTATIVE VIEWS IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AS A LAST RESORT AND, IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT MARKET SITUATION, HE FELT THERE WAS NO CHANCE THEY WOULD BE APPLIED THIS SUMMER.

2. COMMISSION SOURCE STATED THAT EC SIDE HAD DONE ALMOST ALL THE TALKING IN THE FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH THE BRAZILIANS. BRAZILIAN MISSION HERE SAYS THEIR SIDE HAD ASSERTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DAMAGE TO EC INDUSTRY, POINTING TO THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF EC CRUSHING CAPACITY. THEY ALSO ALLUDED TO THEIR SPECIAL STATUS AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. NEXT MEETINGS SCHEDULED LATER THIS MONTH.

3. THE FEDIOL REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE EC INDUSTRY CLAIM THAT DAMAGE TO DOMESTIC INDUSTRY HAD BEEN CAUSED BY BRAZILIAN PRACTICES. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO PERSUADE BRAZIL TO MODIFY THESE PRACTICES. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL HAD INCREASED THE TAX ON SOYBEAN MEAL EXPORTS FROM 5 TO 7.5 PERCENT IN APRIL AND FELT THAT THIS ACTION HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE EC COMPLAINT. HINTON

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